

**Murray History Advisory Board**  
**Minutes for February 28, 2017**

Attendance: Mildred Horton, Wendy DeMann, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Syanna Madsen, Mary Ann Kirk and Lori Edmunds (staff), Elliot Stetzer (visitor)

Excused: Will Perez, Sara Roach, Wendy Parsons Baker

1. Minutes for February 28, 2017 were approved as written. Mary Ann noted that Will has been transferred to Florida so we will be looking for a replacement. She hopes to find someone from the southeast area of Murray.

2. Mary Ann reported on the following:

There was extra material left over from the historic signs for the Downtown Neighborhood Residential District so the street department is going to finish the Hillside District without any further costs to us.

A new museum location is still in limbo.

Jennifer and Sara attended Museum Day at the legislature. Two bills related to historic preservation did not affect us.

A CLG application was submitted to include 2 ILS including the cemetery, 4 individual National Register Nominations, 1 extension to our current Downtown Residential District, and a study/schematic design for our Murray Theater.

We continue to have demo requests including two homes at 133 and 141W 5300 South. Another home at 140 W 5325 South will likely be demolished. The owner was concerned the home was put on the register without his permission. After Mary Ann reviewed the process with him, he acknowledged he received a letter. Mary Ann said our ordinance is not regulatory and explained the simple process if someone decides to demolish it. He seemed to be satisfied and was going to explain that to his realtor.

Mary Ann submitted a formal memo from the board with the recommendations for MCCD design plans related to new development plans and potential demolitions. She will try to keep the board informed of the process and any new proposals. The memo requested mitigation for affected buildings to appear outside for the general public to see – not just a sign or photos hanging on the interior of buildings.

3. Heritage Days activities in May were reviewed.

Board members suggested Bunny Ankney be given an award for her work over the past decade. A historic bus tour of the city will be planned. Another idea included 4800 South. Cemetery tours for school children are scheduled. Mary Ann will prepare a list of past award winners.

4. Summer programming included our pioneer home tour. Suggested included the Howe Home on 5600 South, Redd Home on Vine Street, Erikson home on 900 East, Bradford home on 4800 South and Adams home on Winchester Street. Wendy wondered if we could connect the Bradford home to a tour on 4800 South.

Board members discussed several ideas for summer programming in the museum. Rebecca suggested having people share stories about their homes and invite their families to attend. It could be called Monday Memories or Murray Memories. Mary Ann suggested we invite the older MHS alumni and then record it as they share their stories. Mildred suggested we focus on different stations on our regular tour each week. A decision was made to host a weekly or monthly program for school children on Mondays during the summer. Lori thought we could find someone who could take on a “character” that children related to. Board members liked the idea of having professionals share information about each section of the normal museum tour. It was stressed that the presenter needs to be someone who has the ability to work with children. Mildred suggested some kind of hunt activity could follow.

5. Projects for the next two years were reviewed.

2017

Develop museum programming

Finish StEPS II Level

List Hillside District on website and library photo collection

ILS Surveys and National Register nominations

Seek funding for schematic design to restore Murray Theater

Install street signage for Hillside District

Evaluate need to continue mobile app/new server

Redesign city hall display cases

Create digitization plan, contract with Marriott or other agency for long term storage/maintenance

Maintenance of historic signage (Costco Mural, Jordan River signage)

Develop social media and include a history highlight in the Murray Journal each month

Oral Histories of MHS graduates

Create a map showing all buildings/districts on local registry.

2018

New staffing for museum/history components of Murray Cultural Arts

Move and redesign museum (when city hall is complete)

Expand volunteer program with new museum location

Develop history products for new museum

Continue to expand museum programming

Seek funds to restore Murray Theater

Mitigation for MCCC

Regular programming including on-going museum tours, Heritage Days in May (awards, cemetery tours, home/street/bus tour), Pioneer Home Tour in July, Museum Day in September with new exhibits, and Halloween History Event in October. Summer programming for children will be added to this list if it is successful this summer. Mary Ann indicated we will not be able to produce a Halloween musical in the Murray Theater because of budget constraints, but we are working with the high school to produce some Halloween “shorts” created by the high school students and feature the films several times during a day. We could possibly include an art show with it.

6. Next month, Mary Ann will prepare a summary of historic preservation so board members will know what we have completed and what we want to do going forward. Syanna asked if they could get a map of the various districts. Mary Ann said she could have GIS prepare a large map that shows all buildings on our local register which includes the districts.